

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 19-A: DOMESTIC RELATIONS
Chapter 61: MAINE PARENTAGE ACT

§1913. ADMISSIBILITY OF RESULTS OF GENETIC TESTING; EXPENSES

1. Record admissible; objection. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a record of a genetic testing expert is admissible as evidence of the truth of the facts asserted in the report unless a party objects to its admission within 14 days after its receipt by the objecting party and cites specific grounds for exclusion. The admissibility of the report is not affected by whether the testing was performed:

A. Voluntarily or pursuant to an order of the court; or [2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

B. Before or after the commencement of the proceeding. [2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

[2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF) .]

2. Testimony of experts. A party objecting to the results of genetic testing may call one or more genetic testing experts to testify in person or by telephone, videoconference, deposition or another method approved by the court. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the party offering the testimony bears the expense for the expert's testifying.

[2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF) .]

3. Results inadmissible; exceptions. If a child has a presumed parent, acknowledged father or adjudicated parent, the results of genetic testing are admissible to adjudicate parentage only:

A. With the consent of each person who is a parent of the child under this chapter, unless the court otherwise orders under section 1912; or [2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

B. Pursuant to an order of the court under section 1911. [2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

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4. Copies of bills and records as evidence. Copies of bills and records of expenses paid for prenatal care, childbirth, postnatal care and genetic testing are admissible as evidence without requiring 3rd-party foundation testimony and are prima facie evidence of amounts incurred for those expenses or testing on behalf of the child.

[2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF) .]

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